

**Amendments to the Specification:**

**Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 1, line 3, with the following rewritten paragraph:**

The present invention relates to a mounting plate having two or more parts for non-positively and/or positively connecting a tester for electronic components on the one side to a handler for electronic components on the other side ~~with the features stated in the preamble of claim 18.~~

**Please delete the paragraph beginning on page 2, line 28:**

~~According to the invention this object is achieved in a generic device by the features stated in the characterizing part of claim 18. Particularly preferred embodiments are the subject-matter of the subclaims.~~